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22 June 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations -
21 June 1965

1. The Director, accompanied by John S. Warner, met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations beginning at 1:45 p.m. for approximately one hour. No transcript was taken. Present from the Subcommittee were:

George H. Mahon, Chairman
Glenard P. Lipscomb
Robert L. Michaels, Staff Assistant

The Director briefed from the attached statement dated 21 June 1965 covering all topics except the Dominican Republic.

2. Mr. Mahon asked what would trigger ChiCom intervention in Vietnam. The Director responded by saying it is the Agency's best estimate that they would respond only when they felt their national interests were directly threatened. For instance, if U. S. troops were to move into North Vietnam he thought this could well trigger ChiCom action. As to bombing Hanoi, the Director stated that this would not probably trigger action particularly if the Viet Cong were winning in the south. The Director added that almost any action in the north, including bombing of the SAM sites, IL-28s, or MIGS, would not trigger action if the battle was going well for the Viet Cong in the south. The

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DCI stressed that these were judgments based on careful analysis. The Director indicated to Mr. Mahon that he had had prepared a chart showing the various possible courses of actions and against each of these the reactions of the various countries. He stated that he would like to show this to Mr. Mahon at some time and Mr. Mahon expressed some interest in this. The Director pointed out that from the viewpoint of the ChiComs they believe they are currently winning the battle.

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4. In discussing the recent Algerian coup, the Director stated that Boumedienne is not considered as far left as Ben Bella although he appears to be more pro-Arab. The Director stated that Boumedienne was rather fed up with Cuba and Cuba's role as a Soviet satellite. The Director read the principal parts of the biographical data on Boumedienne adding that Boumedienne would prefer to have a non-aligned status for Algeria. The Director stated that Algeria receives about \$35,000,000 in U. S. foreign aid which feeds about one-third of the population.

5. The Director discussed with Mr. Michaels the thought of Michaels assisting us in getting the Chairman to visit the Agency to look at our budget procedures as Michaels and Lipscomb have already done.

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6. The Chairman mentioned the briefing on the B-52 raid which was being conducted by Admiral Mustin of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the Defense Subcommittee and invited the Director and John Warner to sit in this briefing. The Director accepted the invitation and sat for the entire briefing. Admiral Mustin gave a very detailed briefing making clear the concepts lying behind the B-52 raids and stressed that in order to realize the full benefits of such raids General Westmoreland had recommended immediate ground action with four battalions. Mustin very clearly indicated that any future raids would be accompanied by appropriate ground action. The Director in this meeting was asked to comment on the point at which the ChiComs might intervene and he discussed this generally in accord with his previous statements to Mr. Mahon.

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JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel

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